

Reply to Office Action dated March 9, 2006

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-16, 19, 21-27, and 30-51 are pending in the application. The Examiner has withdrawn from consideration claims 16-26 and 38-46. Applicants maintain their traversal of the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Reply to Election/Restriction Requirement filed December 8, 2005. By this Amendment, claims 1, 16, 19, 21, 23-24, 27, 30, 32, 38, 43, and 46-47 are amended, and claims 2, 17-18, 20, and 28-29 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter is added. Support for the claims can be found throughout the specification, including the original claims and the drawings. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-15, 27-37, and 47-51 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Tanimoto et al. (hereinafter "Tanimoto"), U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0012920. Claims 2 and 28-29 are canceled. The rejection is respectfully traversed in so far as it applies to the remaining claims.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to recite, *inter alia*, a base in the shape of a planar disc having a pair of oppositely disposed symmetrical cut out portions, each of the cut out portions comprising a plurality of cut outs extending inward toward the first rotary shaft, and configured to be rotatable in a substantially horizontal plane by the first rotary shaft, and a second rotary shaft, portions of which extend outward from the planar disc between the plurality of cut out portions, and which is configured to be rotatable about a substantially horizontally extending axis, which intersects with the first rotary shaft. Independent claims 27 and 47 have been similarly amended. Tanimoto does not disclose or suggest such features, or the respective claimed combinations of independent claims 1, 27, and 47.

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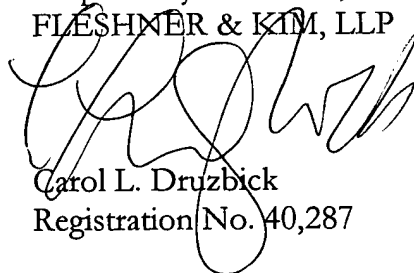
Accordingly, the rejection of independent claims 1, 27, and 47 over Tanimoto should be withdrawn. Dependent claims 3-15, 30-37, and 48-51 are allowable over Tanimoto at least for the reasons set forth above with respect to independent claims 1, 27, and 47, from which they respectively depend, as well as for their added features.

Additionally, withdrawn claims 16-26 and 38-46 are also allowable over the applied prior art.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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